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SUBJ: SENGHOR'S VIEWS ON CURRENT ISSUES

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SUMMARY: DURING 1 1/2 HOUR CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR FEB 5, TWO DAYS AFTER RETURN FROM LISBON AND PARIS, PRESIDENT SENGHOR AIRED HIS VIEWS ON DIVERSE SUBJECTS. END SUMMARY.

1. SENGHOR WAS IN GOOD FORM, SAID HE WELCOMED MY CALL BECAUSE IT PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY FOR U.S. TO LEARN HIS VIEWS ON SEVERAL IMPORTANT QUESTIONS. ALTHOUGH HE FEARED HE MIGHT HAVE HAD TO CANCEL HIS RECENT VISIT TO PORTUGAL, THE FACT THAT HE WAS ABLE TO GO THROUGH WITH IT QUELLED SOME OF HIS FEARS ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF COMMUNIST TAKEOVER THERE. HE HAD HEARD, BUT NOT GIVEN MUCH WEIGHT TO, RUMORS OF AN IMPENDING CIA GUIDED COUP IN LISBON, BUT HE FELT THAT DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM STILL HAD A CHANCE IN PORTUGAL. PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT, PRIME MINISTER, AND PARTICULARLY HIS FRIEND MARIO SOARES HAD EACH ASSURED HIM COMMUNISTS LACKED SUPPORT TO CONTROL GOVERNMENT AND WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY GAINING MORE THAN 15 PER CENT OF VOTE IN ANY IMPORTANT ELECTION. SENGHOR SAID HE FELT EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO STRENGTHEN POSITION OF MARIO SOARES WHO HE CONSIDERED LEADER BEST PREPARED TO GIVE PORTUGAL LIBERAL BUT PRAGMATIC REGIME TODAY'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SITUATION IN COUNTRY REQUIRED. HOWEVER, HE HAD MADE PLAIN TO PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES THAT SENEGAL'S AGGRESSIVELY FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND THE KIND OF STRONG SUPPORT IT PROVIDED PORTUGAL IN THE DECOLONIZATION PROCESS WOULD NOT BE CONTINUED WERE THERE AN EVENTUAL COMMUNIST TAKEOVER IN LISBON.

2. SENEGALESE PRESIDENT TURNED NEXT TO SOVIET UNION, ONE OF HIS FAVORITE WHIPPING BOYS. HE FELT SOVIETS WERE GROWING MENACE IN AFRICA IN SEEKING MILITARY EMPLACEMENTS IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES AND FEARED THEIR POTENTIAL FOR SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES IN SENEGAL. THEREFORE, HE INTENDED TO REFUSE CURRENT REQUESTS FOR FISHING RIGHTS AND WOULD REVIEW RIGHTS NOW GRANTED TO AEROFLOT TO FLY CHANGEOVER SOVIET FISHING CREWS TO AND FROM DAKAR. HE SAID HE KNEW SOVIETS AND U.S. WERE MOVING CLOSER TOGETHER, BUT AS AFRICAN HE FELT CLOSER TO CHINESE, WHO ARE COLORED PEOPLE. I SAID U.S.-SOVIET DIALOGUE AND DETENTE ARE, AS HE MUST UNDERSTAND, ESSENTIAL TO WORLD PEACE. AT SAME TIME OUR RELATIONS WITH PRC WERE PROGRESSING IN DIRECTION OUTLINED IN SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. WHERE U.S. AND SENEGALESE VIEWS DIVERGED WAS ON CURRENT KOREAN, CAMBODIAN, AND VIET-NAMESE ISSUES. I FELT SENEGAL'S NON-ALIGNMENT HAD CLEAR BIAS TOWARD COMMUNISTS IN EACH OF THOSE

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SITUATIONS. ON KOREAN ISSUE HE AGREED THERE WAS ROOM FOR MORE ATTENTION TO ROK AND SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO REIN IN SOME OF HIS YOUNGER COLLABORATORS ON THIS ISSUE. ON CAMBODIAN AND VIETNAMESE ISSUES HE FEARED THESE WERE CASES WHERE U.S. AND SENEGAL WOULD HAVE TO AGREE TO DISAGREE.

3. WITH REGARD TO MOKTAR M'BOW HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD UNESCO DIRECTOR GENERAL HAD NOT BEEN ASSURED OF MEETING WITH

PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY SHOULD HE GO TO U.S. HE WISHED TO POINT OUT M'BOW'S SINCERE DESIRED TO CORRECT SITUATION CREATED BY ARAB EXCESSES ON JERUSALEM MONUMENTS ISSUE.

4. SENGHOR EXPRESSED ADMIRATION FOR EFFORTS OF ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KENNETH KAUNDA FOR SOME FORWARD MOTION IN SOUTH AFRICA. AS A NEIGHBOR, KAUNDA HAD MORE PRECISE APPRECIATION OF SA AND RHODESIAN SITUATIONS THAN HE DID. KAUNDA HAD SENT HIM SEVERAL EMISSARIES, AND ZAMBIAN LEADER HIMSELF PROBABLY WOULD COME TO DAKAR THIS SPRING. SENGHOR SAID HE MAINTAINED CORRESPONDENCE WITH SA PREMIRE VORSTER AND HAD IN MIND SENDING GROUP OF SENEGALESE JURISTS TO SA TO SAMPLE OPINION OF VARIOUS RACIAL GROUPS THERE. HE SAID VORSTER HAD ASKED WHETHER INTERVIEWS WOULD INCLUDE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AND SENGHOR REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY. SENGHOR FELT NEED FOR INCREASING COMMUNICATION WITH SA AND BELIEVED SITUATION IS SUSCEPTIBLE TO PEACEFUL CHANGE.

5. COMMENTING ON RECENT VISIT OF CONGOLESE PRESIDENT MARIAN N'GOUABI, SENGHOR SAID SENEGAL AND IVORY COAST WERE COOPERATING TO HELP CONGO RELAX ITS UNPRODUCTIVE DEPENDENCE ON COMMUNIST REGIMES.

6. STRESSING HIS FERVENT BELIEF IN FORCE OF DIALOGUE, SENGHOR SAID HE WILLING TO GO ALMOST ANYWHERE IN INTEREST OF PEACE. RECENTLY, EN ROUTE FROM EUROPE, HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH KING HASSAN MOROCCO'S DIFFERENCES WITH SPAIN. NEXT WEEKEND HE WOULD MEET WITH SHAH OF IRAN IN SWITZERLAND ON IRAN'S RELATIONS WITH CERTAIN ARAB STATES. HE LATER HE PLANNED TRIP TO HELP RESOLVE BORDER DISPUTE BETWEEN MALI AND UPPER VOLTA. HE HAD RECENTLY RECEIVED HIGH-LEVEL ISRAELI CIVIL SERVANT, WHO ASSURED HIM AMERICANS WERE MAKING PROGRESS IN ENCOURAGING MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT.
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7. HE NOTED KING AND QUEEN OF THE BELGIANS WOULD HAVE STATE VISIT FEB 25 TO FEB 28, EVENT FOR WHICH AMBASSADOR HAD ALREADY RECEIVED SOME INVITATIONS. WITH LARGE NUMBER OF STATE VISITORS, PRESIDENT FELT HE COULD NOT INVITE ALL GROUPS EACH TIME BUT WOULD INVITE AF ENVOYS AND THOSE FROM REGION OF WHICH VISITOR IS MEMBER AS WELL, BUT BECAUSE HE DESIRED PRESENCE OF SOME OTHERS HE ARRIVED AT FORMULA OF INCLUDING PERMANENT MEMBERS OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL FOR EACH EVENT.

8. COMMENT: SENGHOR IS ANXIOUS TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM AND PROMINENCE HE ACHIEVED AS MEDIATOR BETWEEN PORTUGUESE AND PAIGC AND EXTEND HIS INFLUENCE OUTSIDE WEST AFRICA. BY MAINTAINING CONTACTS WITH KING HASSAN, KAUNDA, HOUPHOUET, AND OTHER LEADERS HE CONSIDERS MEN OF REASON, HE HOPES TO

CONTRIBUTE TO PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS TO AFRICA'S CRISES AND URGENT PROBLEMS. HE CONTINUES TO BELIEVE IN EFFICACY OF PERSONAL DIPLOMACY, THE FREQUENCY OF HIS FOREIGN VISITS IS NOT LIKELY TO SLACKEN; NOR IS THE NUMBER OF VISITORS OF MARK DAKAR RECEIVES LIKELY TO DECREASE.

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